# LAND USE APPLICATION PART ONE

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE	LINE(S) AND ATTACH THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION(S):
SPECIAL EXCEPTION	VARIANCE/ APPEAL
SITE PLAN REVIEW	_ APPROVAL OF LOCATION
INLAND WETLANDS PERMIT	REGULATION TEXT AMENDMENT
INLAND WETLANDS PERMIT - AGENT APPROVAL	ZONE CHANGE
WETLAND PERMIT TRANSFER	COASTAL SITE PLAN REVIEW  MODIFICATION OF PRIOR APPROVAL  DECETVE
SUBDIVISION / RESUBDIVISION	SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA PERMIT DEC 10 6 2021
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	BY: KFO
Divasius. Upland	remediation flow for
Invasius. Upland	improvements Planty in wetlands
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY	95 Plais Road Essex
ASSESSOR'S MAP 53-005 LOT_	LOT SIZE 10.78 DISTRICT 555
	Manue Plains Road Egglx LLC: verlats can PHONE 860 304 5776
APPLICANT'S AGENT (if any)	
EMAIL:	PHONE
ENGINEER.SURVEYOR/ARCHITECTE EMAIL: Bdoone eng	Merria con PHONE
COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND SUBM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPL 2) THE SUBMITTAL OF THIS PERMISSION FOR THE COMMISSION PURPOSE OF INSPECTION. 3) I HERBY AGREE TO PAY	E LAND USE OFFICE. THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ITTED WITH THE REQUIRED FEE(S) AND MAP(S) PREPARED ICABLE REGULATIONS. IS APPLICATION CONSTITUTES THE PROPERTY OWNER'S ION OR ITS STAFF TO ENTER THE PROPERTY FOR THE ALL ADDITIONAL FEES AND/OR ADDRESS SUCH COSTS IND USE OFFICE AS DESCRIBED IN PART THREE OF THIS

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#### **Town of Essex**

# **Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission**

**Revised** 9/1/2021 Fee: \$70 to Essex + \$60 to State = \$130 Date received by Office 12/6/21 Application # **Owner of Record** Home Address Mailing Address: 2608145116 Phone: Home/Cell Work: Applicant's Name: Home Address Mailing Address: Phone: Home/Cell 8603045176. Work: Applicant's interest in the land if the applicant is not the property owner Location of Property by Street & Village Address: State the names of all property owners adjacent to the subject property: Street Address (include Mailing Address if Different Name of Adjacent Property Owner For large properties, please attach another sheet if necessary. Check applicable activities occurring in or within 100 feet of wetlands and/or watercourses: Construction of a structure(s) Discharge Other site development work Pond creation/dredging Deposition or removal of material Tree removal Stream altering/channelization Dam maintenance Subdivision/Resubdivision Other Nature of Request: Explain in detail the extent of any activity checked above, the type of material, and the equipment to be used to complete project. (Use additional sheets if necessary.) house Estimated time for completion:

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ACTIVITY LOCATION (Map with sufficient de	tail must be submitte	ed as a part of the application)
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f known, are vernal pools or tidal wetlands		
f yes, where and how many acres (or portion	on thereof) on the pr	operty?
s property located within a Special Flood H	azard Area?	NO
s any portion of the property within the cha	nnel encroachment	line?
Has the property been flagged by a license	AND AND AND THE PERSON OF THE PARTY OF THE P	yes .
f yes, by who, and when? Richard	Suersky	11/3/2021
Will there be water discharge into wetlands		
Discharge – Specify Type		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE REQUIRED	DEPENDING UPON TH	E COMPLEXITY OF THE PROJECT.
CERTIFICATION:		and the control of th
The applicant understands that this application and documents required by the Commission hat all statements contained herein and in all support knowledge and belief. Permission is granted to Commission and its agent(s) to walk the land, a property review the application, both before and	ve been submitted. To thing documents accounte Town of Essex In t reasonable times, ar	he undersigned warrants the truth o rding to the best of his/her land Wetlands and Watercourses ad perform those tests necessary to
Applicant's Signature	Date	12/6/2021
Signature	Date	
Owner's Signature	Date	12/6/2021
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Approved	Denied	Date
Agent ActionApproved	Denied	Date

# ESSEX INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS – Effective 5/24/17

Most projects will require an approved Inland Wetlands permit from either the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer or the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission if your property lies

- Within wetlands or a natural or artificial watercourse (pond, river, cove etc...) or
- Within the 100' upland review area to an inland wetland or a watercourse.

**The Application Form** is available in the Zoning/Land Use Office or on-line (<u>www.essexct.gov</u> -- under Departments/Zoning/Permits & Forms).

**Meeting Schedule**: The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Essex Town Hall (generally in Room A on the second floor). The schedule can be confirmed online.

**The Application Deadline** is eight days prior to the meeting by 4:00 pm. However, requests for the Commission to conduct a site visit can be made at any time including the meeting. A written request is preferred (simple letter format c/o the Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Zoning/Land Use Office).

Application Fees must be submitted at the time of application (see attached sheet).

**Thirteen copies of the application** must be submitted along with the accompanying site plan. Additional copies may be required depending upon the complexity of the project. If the project involves multiple site plan sheets (such as for subdivisions and/or commercial applications), check with the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer—11 full sets may not be necessary.

Site Plans must be of sufficient detail to show:

- The proposed activity with distances to the wetland, water body, or watercourse
- The location of the wetland, water body, or water course
- The location of the upland review area(s)
- Location of erosion and sedimentation control measures
- Location of buildings and driveways

For many land owners, a hand drawn plan (as long as it accurately depicts the area) or a copy of a site survey may be used. Consult with the Wetlands Enforcement Officer for advice. However, professionally prepared plans (by a Licensed Land Surveyor/Professional Engineer, and/or Soil Scientist) may be required depending upon the complexity of the project. New buildings will require professionally prepared plans. Septic system repairs and/or a new system will require prior approval from the Health Department.

**Process:** The review process may take one-three months depending upon the complexity of the project. The Commission generally schedules a site visit if the members are not familiar with the property. Although a copy of the application is usually distributed to the members prior to the meeting, members can only discuss the application at the meeting. Please do not attempt to discuss the application with individual members outside the meeting.

You and/or your representative must be present at the meeting to discuss the application. Pictures of the area may also be helpful.

If the application is approved, a decision notice is posted with the Town Clerk and a local paper (generally the Hartford Courant). An abutter may appeal the Commission's decision within 15 days of publication. If there is no appeal, an approved permit is mailed to the applicant. Other permits may be obtained at this time. Remember activities (such as docks and retaining walls) within the CJL of the Connecticut River, its coves, or portions of the Falls River will require CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection approval.

Questions? Call Carey Duques, Land Use Official at (860) 767-4340 Ext 115 or email at <a href="mailto:cduques@essexct.gov">cduques@essexct.gov</a>.



## NEW ENGLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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### Wetland & Wildflower Meadow Enhancement Plan

Plains Road Essex, LLC Westbrook Road & Plains Road Centerbrook, Connecticut

November 3, 2021

Prepared by:

R. Richard Snarski Professional Wetlands Scientist #1391 Registered Professional Soil Scientist Consulting Botanist

# Wetland & Wildflower Meadow Enhancement Plan Plains Road Essex, LLC Westbrook Road & Plains Road

Centerbrook, Connecticut

On October 21, 2021, I evaluated the wetlands and upland area west of the wetland, which occurs at the corner of Westbrook Road and Plains Road. The wetland is delineated with wetland flags, which are numbered 45 to 64. The vegetation was inventoried and the soils were evaluated.

The trees in the wetland are eight Red Maples. Three to four inch diameter Speckled Alder saplings have formed dense stands in the wetland which has prohibited a diversity of other native wetland plant species. The herbaceous plant species is very sparse, which includes Skunk Cabbage and Cinnamon Fern.

The exotic invasive plant species in the wetland includes Multiflora Rose, Asiatic Bittersweet, and Japanese Knotweed. The vegetation in the upland area west of the wetland area is dominated by 2 to 4 inch saplings. The saplings are Speckled Alder, Gray Birch, Sycamore, and Black Cherry. The only trees in this area are two 8 inch diameter Hickory. The exotic invasive plants, Multiflora Rose and Asiatic Bittersweet, are prevalent in this upland area.

The proposal is to eradicate the exotic invasive plants and Speckled Alder in the wetland to enhance the native plant diversity and wildlife habitat. The wetland will be replanted with native shrub species which have a high wildlife value when the Speckled Alder are removed. The upland area west of the wetland will be cleared and a native wildflower meadow made for pollinators and to enhance the aesthetics of the upland area.

# Wetland and Upland Area West of the Wetland Enhancement Plan Details

### Wetland Area

- 1. In April 2022, the Speckled Alder sampling in the wetland will be cut with a chainsaw and removed from the wetland by hand. No machinery will enter the wetland. The eight Red Maple trees in the wetland will remain. The 12 inch diameter American Chestnut tree, which occurs in the upland area several feet from the wetland near wetland flag #63, will be preserved.
- 2. The exotic invasive plants in the wetland will be eradicated by the following methods in late May 2022:
  - a. The Multiflora Rose will be sprayed with a 2% concentration of the herbicide Glyphosate.
  - b. The Japanese Knotweed will be sprayed with a 6% concentration of the herbicide Glyphosate.
  - c. The Asiatic Bittersweet vines climbing the trees will be cut with a chainsaw.

3. The following native shrubs, which have a high wildlife value, will be planted in the wetland in April 2022:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Quantity	Height
Cornus sericea	Red-Osier Dogwood	15	3'-4'
Ilex verticillata	Winterberry	15	3'-4'
Viburnum trilobum	American Cranberry Bush	15	3'-4'
Viburnum dentatum	Arrowwood	15	3'-4'

#### Notes:

- A. Richard Snarski, Wetland Scientist, will determine the exact location of shrubs in the wetland at the time of installation.
- B. The shrubs will be planted by hand. No machinery will enter the wetland.

## Wildflower Meadow in the Upland Area West of Wetland

- 1. A sediment fence will be installed at the wetland boundary from wetland flag 51 to 60.
- 2. In April 2022, in the upland area, the woody vegetation will be clear cut with a rotary mower.
- 3. The stumps and roots will be grubbed to prepare a seed bed free of the existing woody vegetation.
- 4. The area will be smoothed out with a York rake.
- 5. Eight pounds of the attached wildflower seed mix will be seeded in the third week of April.
- 6. The wildflower seed mix will be applied by combining 1/2 pound of seed to a 5 gallon bucket of kitty litter or play sand. The kitty litter or play sand seed mix will be spread with a hand held grass seed spreader.
- 7. The seed bed will be lightly raked by hand (no machinery will be used).
- 8. A hand lawn roller will be used to firm the soil to achieve a good seed and soil contact.
- 9. A seeding straw (i.e. Pennington Seeding Straw) will be spread over the seed bed to a 50% surface coverage.
- 10. The seed bed will need to be irrigated to keep the soil moist for good seed germination. The wildflower meadow will be irrigated as needed during the summer until August to insure the establishment of the wildflower meadow. The sediment fence will remain until the wildflower meadow is fully established.
- 11. The shrubs planted in the wetland and wildflower meadow will be monitored for 2 years. A monitoring report will be sent to the Essex Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission in September of each year. The monitoring report will address the success of the shrub plantings in the wetland and the establishment of the wildflower meadow. Photographs will be included in the monitoring reports. The monitoring report will make recommendations for any remedial measures needed, in any.

# Custom Wildflower Meadow Mix for Plains Road Essex, LLC

Percent in Weight	<b>Species</b>	
3	Eastern Columbine	
5	Butterfly Milkweed	
5 3 3	Smooth Blue Aster	
	Aromatic Aster	
4	Showy Aster	
0.3	Yellow False Indigo	
3	Largeflower Tickseed	
3	Lanceleaf Coreopsis	
1	Plains Coreopsis	
2	Showy Ticktrefoil	
1	Pale Purple Coneflower	
6	Purple Coneflower	
13	Perennial Gaillardia	
13	Annual Gaillardia	
2	Shrubby Bushclover	
2 2	Scaly Blazing Star	
8	Bigleaf Lupine	
1	Wild Bergamot	
1	Showy Evening Primrose	
1	Hairy Beardtongue	
1	Browneyed Susan	
3	Hoary Skullcap	
0.7	White Goldenrod	
0.3	Early Goldenrod	
0.7	Gray Goldenrod	
3	Ohio Spiderwort	
3	Tall Ironweed	
3 5 5	Hoary Vervain	
5	Golden Alexanders	

The wildflower seed mix is available from Ernst Conservation Seeds, Inc., phone 814-336-2404.

